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according to order. Before I received the letters of M. f). and the Prince of Neufehitel I had obtained from Hambi 16,000,000 instead of 10,000,00(1, besides nearly ;UHHL«HHI |>, Bremen and Liibeck. Thus I furnished the < iuvernment w 9,000,000 more than had been required, and yet I hud so us 'aged that those enormous sacrifices were nut over-op press to those who made them. I fixed the value of the H_n-l merchandise because I knew (hat the hijrh price at which sold on the Continent would not only cover I lit* pmposed_r som but also leave a considerable profit. Surh was 1 singular effect of the Continental system that when inarch, dise was confiscated, and when afterwards the permission sell it freely was given, tlie price fetched at the sale was large that the loss was covered, and even great advant: gained.

Peace being concluded with Russia if was ni-erssary to mn choice of an Ambassador, not only to maintain tli»- new n tions of" amity between Napoleun arid Alexander, but likew to urge on the promised intervention of Russia with Kir;l:u — to bring about rconciliid.ion and pe;iei* between the ('abin* of Paris and London. The Kmperor eoutided tin, 1111-jun Caiilaincourt, with r(»sjn»e.t to \vhuin fin-re exi'ted au | founded prejudice*, rehitini^ to some eiri'uinst;ine**>; which p ceded the death^of the Due* trKu^hien. This, tuil'nrftm; and unjust impression had preceded i'auljtueutirt. fi > Petersburg, and it was feared that lie would not experiei the reception due to tin* French Ambassador ;tud to jii.s o¹ personal, qualities. { knew ;if the time, i'roiu pnsifivi* in!' mation, that after a short explanation, with Alexander t! monarch retained no suspicion unfavorable fo our Awh;tss;ul for whom he conceived and mahitamed great esteem and friei ship.

Caulaincourt's mission was nof, in all r*'speefri, *««I.H\' of f filment, for the invincible rcptiiriayee and r«'itfi-atf«i r«'f«i of England to enter into iu»tfoliatmns with Fr.niee Ihrou the medium of Russia was one of the remarkable esre.u stances of the period of which 1 ;un N|i»-akin«:, I knew |«; tively that England was (h'tPninuHl never to ;d!uw X;iole